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Patent

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

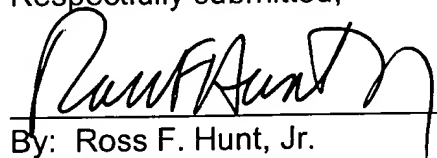
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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on September 24, 2002, and to the requirement for restriction therein, applicant hereby elects Group II, containing claims 7-14, drawn to the apparatus. The requirement for restriction is respectfully traversed because the basic inventive concepts are the same in the two sets of claims.

Further and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



Date: October 24, 2002

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Attached is:

- a response after Final Rejection dated
- ☒ a response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2002.
- a Preliminary Amendment
- a Petition for an extension of time
- Other:

Fees: For claims if required and/or other fees as shown below:

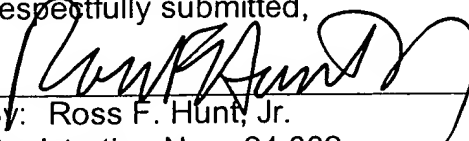
	NOW	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	\$
TOTAL CLAIMS				X \$ 18 =	
INDEP. CLAIMS				X \$ 84 =	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CLAIMS FEES =					
Reduction by 1/2 for small entity status of applicant					
SUBTOTAL =					
Fee for extension of time (per attached Petition)					
Other fee for					
TOTAL OF ALL FEES =					

..... A check in the amount of \$0 is enclosed. If no check or an insufficient check is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555.

☒ In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and that a separate petition is not submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee is authorized above.

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